May 2016

School Nurses: Specialized Instructional Support Personnel working everyday to promote the health and wellness of the school community, address chronic and acute health needs of students and promote academic success by ensuring students are healthy and ready to learn. Thank you for all you do for Maryland's students.

We hope you had a wonderful National School Nurse Day

May 11, 2015

Save the Date:
November 12, 2016

MASHN's Annual Conference

Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort

Ocean City, Maryland
Legislative Update:
Public and Nonpublic Schools - Student Diabetes Management Program

Legislation has passed requiring the State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish guidelines for the training of employees to implement the medical management plan for students with diabetes and to ensure that there is always someone trained available to provide diabetes care services to diabetic students during school hours and at school sponsored activities.

DHMH is offering diabetes professional development for school nurses:

**H.A.N.D.S. Training**

*Helping Administer to the Needs of the Student with Diabetes in School*

Register today for one of three regional programs:

Saturday, May 21, 2016 - Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, MD (Shore Regional)

Saturday, June 11, 2016 - PGCPS Green Valley Offices, Temple Hills, MD (Southern Regional)

Saturday, June 11, 2016 - Meritus Medical Center, Hagerstown, MD (Western Regional)

8:15 am - 4:00pm (Registration 8:15 am - 8:45 am)
Location Details will be sent in Registration Confirmation
MASHN has a New Website

We are pleased to announce recent updates to the MASHN website.
Take a peek...

www.MDASHN.org

Don't miss out on a wonderful opportunity to learn, network and celebrate with school nurses from all over the country. Click here to Register

If you are attending the NASN Conference this year in Indianapolis, please email us at mdschoolnurses@gmail.com so that we could include you in conference plans.

Certification.... A Mark of Distinction

NBCSN News
by Donna Lyman, MS RN, NCSN
MDASHN liaison

The Winter/Spring testing window closed Mar 12. I have heard rumors that there were MARYLAND nurses who became certified, but your names do not yet show up on the NCSN web site roster. Who are you? Please email me if you have become certified so we can celebrate your accomplishment!
The next testing windows are:

- Summer Testing Window: July 11-July 30,
- Fall Testing Window: November 7-November 19

The application cutoff date is 30 days prior to the start of the testing window. Visit [http://www.nbcsn.org/](http://www.nbcsn.org/) for more information.

Thank you to all who responded and shared your certification information. I am in the process of compiling all of the information received and will share it in a future newsletter. I would still like to hear from Aiken, Baily, Butler, Diaczok, Escobosa, Figliuzzi, Foraker, George, Larzelere, Martin, Regan, and Reilly. I'm still asking 1) year of certification, 2) county of employment (or if private school), and 3) if you get any compensation financially from your job. Email me at lymandk@gmail.com with your answers.

Finally I'm in search of another NBCSN liaison. Join me in Indianapolis for the liaison outing to learn more or email me with your questions. Also, check out other NBCSN volunteer opportunities at [http://www.nbcsn.org/nbcsn-volunteers](http://www.nbcsn.org/nbcsn-volunteers).

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**Camp Possibilities**

**For Children with Type-1 Diabetes**

Camp Possibilities, located at Ramblewood in Darlington, Maryland (Harford County) enters the 13th year of serving children with Type-1 Diabetes. In 2016, camp will serve over 100 children with diabetes and will have approximately 90 volunteers.

Volunteers include administrative staff, counselors, lifeguards, nutritionists and a medical staff consisting of the finest doctors and nurses from area hospitals and institutions (such as the National Institutes of Health). Of the approximately 100 campers 35-40% receive some form of financial assistance. Year-round fundraising efforts exist to help provide the substantial scholarship/camperships that are needed to continue serving children in need from Maryland and the greater Delaware Valley region.

Camp activities include the before-mentioned campfire, athletics, swimming, camp carnivals, lip sync battles, camp dances and many of the camp activities experienced at...
all camps everywhere - but that’s the point. It’s important to remember that these “normal” camp activities aren’t so easy for kids with Type-1 Diabetes. But thanks to the medical staff and months of planning, the challenges presented by these activities are overcome.

Aside from the program, the most valuable and enjoyable aspect of camp is the family atmosphere that is present. On the first day of camp, the children are asked to raise their hand if they are the only one in their school with Type-1 Diabetes. Every year, almost every child raises their hand. It is not unusual to hear a story of a young girl with Type-1 Diabetes who does not wear short-sleeved shirts to school because she does not want her classmates to see her diabetes pump site (on her arm). At Camp, these same girls share blood sugar results, participate in diabetes-related art projects or lip sync battles and feel comfortable with their diabetes - for maybe the only week of the year.

Financial assistance and transportation are available.
The dates of camp are Sunday, July 24th - Friday, July 29th.

Should any school nurses need assistance with the registration process for a child at their school please feel free to reach Jeff Dietz at jeff@camppossibilities.org or (302) 563-9460. Parents/guardians may register their children by going to www.camppossibilities.org and click 'Register'.

We also are actively recruiting medical volunteers. Should you be interested please see the attached flyer with information about the commitment and responsibilities of being on the camp medical staff.

Wishing you a wonderful summer vacation...may you rest, rejuvenate, and enjoy the people you love.
Visit the MASHN website at
www.MDASHN.org

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